Local Matters

Wednesday Morning, October 26, '59

FALSE ALARM.—There was a false alarm of fire about 11 o'clock yesterday morning.

TENNESSEE BONDS.—These bonds were selling in New York on Thursday at 99½, cents; 1,000 shares changed hands at that price.

ARREST.—Jas. Martin was arrested last evening for stealing a carpet-bag, containing a quantity of clothing, from one Louis A. Normandin.

RECORDER'S COURT.—There were fifteen delinquents before this recorder yesterday, three of whom were sent to the chaingang in default of the payment of their fine.

☞ We received yesterday from the plantation of Reg. Thomas Fowlkes, on the Arkansas river, a basket of cotton about a foot in length which holds one full grown bale. It is of a perfect spotless, and is sent, literally in cotton to market.

☞ Go to VASSALLO & Co., No. 262 Main street, for the best and most durable pictures ever made. They will give every body full satisfaction, and never try to sell an inferior picture to any one. Prices from 50 cents upward.

TO BE CONCLUDED TO-DAY.—A partial examination of the charge against Josephine Brown for stabbing a young man Saturday evening, was made by Squire Horn yesterday, and the case will be finished of this morning.

THEATRICALS.—Mr. William Whalley, the talented young gentleman who did the "leading business" at the new Memphis Theatre last season, under the management of Mr. Crosby, is in the city, and will, if possible, accept an engagement from the present management.

SALE OF TAXABLES.—The great sale of delinquent taxable property will take place tomorrow. Tax collector Bowen may be found in his office ready to issue receipts, but his duties to-day will preclude the possibility of his attending to that business on the day of sale.

DISTINGUISHED ARRIVALS.—Among the distinguished persons now in the city yesterday, were Hon. Albert Rust, Gen. Wm. R. McKerlie, Bishop Green, of Mississippi, and Col. W. H. H. Tuck, U. S. Marshal for the northern district of the latter State.

THE LAST DAY OF GRACE.—We regret to learn that Mr. J. G. Grace, the late popular "leading man" of the company at the new Memphis Theatre, made his farewell entirely from the Memphis stage, but from the city itself, after the play was over on Monday night. He departed for New York.

☞ We were pleased to meet in our city yesterday Colonel Wm. H. McCardle, the accomplished and intermarried son of Kentucky, late of the Southern. We learn from the General that he has been independent enough to benefit and is now engaged in the more lucrative business of a planter. We welcome him to society.

☞ We refer to the advertisement of Mr. J. A. Stuart, who is now selling off a large and select stock of dry goods at greatly reduced prices. Mr. Stuart is one of our oldest and most popular merchants, and when he advertises to reduce, he proves the fellow may very most the assertion thus given by him.

DR. HALE ON BIOLOGY.—Wherever he goes this distinguished lecturer does not fail to excite interest in the investigation of his favorite science, biology. He accompanies his lectures with practical illustrations in support of his theories, which in another age would have been miracles. Dr. Hale will deliver another lecture at Bell Fellows' Hall this evening.

RACING STOCK.—Colonel John Harper, well known on the turf, arrived yesterday on the steamer Kentucky, bringing with him his stable of racers, including the renowned Bell Boy, that won the mile race at Louisville recently. Bellboy, a horse of remarkable endurance, also arrived by the Kentucky. The stock alluded to will play conspicuous parts in the anticipated sport over the Memphis Course next week.

A MUCH-NEEDED IMPROVEMENT.—The absence of a public clock in our city has been the source of serious complaint among those who attend the new market on Poplar street at an early hour in the morning. The thoroughfare at that hour is thronged with attendants of every religion, which, to be shared, local fashion which provides clocks, pass and repose at the profit of all who honor and validate. The street should be painted with one at once.

WITH US AGAIN.—Dr. Josh Scales, a well-known Kentucky humorist, has taken up with us again, and may be found for a short time at the office of Messrs. Wm. Harbaugh on Second street. He has one of the largest and finest stocks of horses ever brought to this market, many of which have taken premiums at the recent State fairs in Kentucky. He also has a large stock of cows and heifers, a lot of fine mule stock, and an assortment of his own manufacture of bagpipes and cornfiddles.

CRIMINAL COURT.—The case of Frank Rainey, charged with larceny, was disposed of in the tribunal yesterday. The accused pleaded guilty and was punished accordingly by a fine in the penitentiary.

A mulatto servant was arrested with the case of William Smith, charged with larceny, and the case of Jas. Crawford, also charged with larceny, was disposed of in the manner.

The case of P. Fitzpatrick, who was charged with larceny, was taken up.

SUNDAY OBSTRUCTIONS.—We have an exceedingly numerous and well-founded complaint against the use of the stoop, horseshoe benches of the same, to protect at all times the exact front of the pavement, under penalty of from ten to fifty dollars for the number of such cellar cover or dodge and a further penalty of five dollars for the time they may be used on Sunday, the liability to which cellar door arises. There are frequent instances of the infraction of this provision in the city, and it requires correction.

THE POST OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS.—The contractors for the improvements of the Post office have been in a great measure completed. The three entrances on Jefferson street, are for ladies and two for gentlemen, were thrown open yesterday, and the improvement seemed to add greatly to the public convenience. A large number of the boxes are now in the office, it is thought, will be sufficient to meet the wants of the public. The addition of one or two more active clerks to the distribution and delivery departments would still further add to the efficiency of our local postal arrangement.

NEW MEMPHIS THEATRE.—There was another large audience at the Theater last evening, Miss Maggie Mitchell being the chief attraction. Miss Maggie appeared in her well-day favorite character of "Mary, the Poultry Dealer, and in the farce of "Fortune Hunters." There is considerable humor in both pieces, but we have always found the former piece rather too coarse for the refined taste which we, Mrs. Miss Maggie Mitchell, delightfully combines in her composition, each individual member of which is rapidly winning upon the esteem of our fashionables. The entertainment this evening will be a varied one, Miss Mitchell appearing as Suzon in "Perle, or a Masterpiece Stroganoff."

STREET RAILROADS.—In many of the eastern cities we have seen street cars (which, by the way, are by any length of time, cheaper) have been produced to extend these more miles into the country—thus decidedly making a distance of ten or five miles from the city, for all practical purposes, the suburban residence. It will not long behoove the system of street railways will be adopted here, and as sure as they are fully tested in the city, they will be extended to all the thickly settled portions of the country in the vicinity. Cleveland and Port Wilkinson will, of course, be the first to feel the benefit of the new system, and we hope to see the time when a person living in either place will, for all practical purposes, be as near to the business center, as those who live on Beale or Poplar streets. It will, therefore, be wise in those who wish to secure a cheap home, to be in the most delightful and healthful location, and one that is free from the burden of city taxation, to attend the great sale of Fort Pickering lots on Thursday next.

PARTY OF GOSSIPS ARRESTED.—It will be remembered we announced the arrival of a large party of Gipsies in our midst a few days ago, from the vicinity of Louisville, and that we warned our readers at the time to guard them with suspicion, as they are the same character of vagabonds that infest many portions of Western Kentucky, and of that description, too. Some days after their arrival here they became in the vicinity of Fort Pickering, since which time we have no doubt they have made daily and nightly raids upon the premises of our citizens, supplying themselves with fowls, sweet potatoes, and other delicacies known there to steal. Since their arrival, their number has been greatly swelled, and developments have been made which warrant the belief that they are a gang of thieves, and that they have come to stay. We understand that a number of our citizens, supplying themselves with their necessaries of life which their poverty and idleness forces them to steal. Since their arrival, their numbers have